

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers and at least two defect management areas, a first one of the at least two defect management areas being positioned on a first one of the at least two writable layers at a first radial position, a second one of the at least two defect management areas being positioned on a second one of the at least two writable layers at a second radial position being different than the first radial position.
2. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the radial position of the first one of the at least two defect management areas no other defect management areas are positioned.
3. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least two defect management areas are evenly spread over a radial position on the disc.

4. (currently amended) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1~~or~~², wherein one defect management area is located on each one of the at least two writable layers.

5. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first radial position is an inner side of the disc, and the second radial position is an outer side of the disc.

6. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first radial position is an inner side of the disc, and wherein a third one of the at least two defect management areas is present on the first one of the layers at a radial position corresponding to an outer side of the disc, and wherein the second radial position is in-between the first radial position and the third radial position.

7. (original) An optical disc comprising at least two writable layers as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of the at least two defect management areas is located on the first layer on a plurality of different evenly distributed first radial positions, and wherein a plurality of the at least two defect management areas

is located on the second layer on a plurality of different evenly distributed second radial positions, the first and second radial positions being selected to obtain substantially equal radial distances between defect management areas being successive in the radial direction.

8. (original) An apparatus for accessing an optical disc comprising at least two writable layers and at least two defect management areas being positioned on different ones of the at least two writable layers on different radial positions, the apparatus comprising

an optical element for generating a light beam directed towards the optical disc and for receiving a reflected light beam being reflected by the optical disc while rotating,

a focussing circuit for focussing the light beam on one of the at least two writable layers.

9. (original) A method of positioning defect management areas on an optical disc comprising at least two writable layers, the method comprises positioning at least two defect management areas on different ones of the at least two writable layers on different radial positions.

10. (original) A computer program product for recording information, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 9.